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The treacherous and damnable cus-

tom of some tricky politicians and weak

minded persons, of recommending the

appointment of unfit persons for public

positions of honor and trust, not having

the manly courage to refuse the use of

their names to the petition of the un-

worthy applicant, and then subsequently

informing the appointing power that the

applicant they recommended was

incompetent and unworthy, and that

they merely indorsed his application to

get rid of his importunities—this dam-

nable custom, we repeat, which is more

general than the public would suppose,

but is well known to many familiar

with political intrigues in Washington,

has received from President Cleveland

a scathing rebuke which it is hoped

will settle such infernal practices under

this administration at least. By this

manly rebuke on the part of the Pres-

ident, he has exhibited a courageous

and upright characteristic of genuine

manhood which will endear him in the

estimation of the people far more than

all the palaver of office-holders, and

will create a regard for him which

offensive partisans cannot disturb.

WHEN Mr. Curtis spoke yesterday

before the Civil Service League, se-

verely criticizing the Attorney-General

for making a change in the list of Gov-

ernment counsel before the Court of

Claims, he was not completely quipped

as to the facts in the case. He said that

the changes made were very impolitic,

for the reason that experienced men

had been replaced by those who knew

nothing of the work required of them.

The superceded counsel are by no

means in every case "experienced." On

the contrary, some of them did not

even have that qualification. Then, Mr.

Garland was very careful about the

matter. He retained the old counsel

until the term of the court had expired.

In the two months' vacation the new

counsel, all of whom are good men, will

certainly have time enough to thor-

oughly acquaint themselves with the

business before the court; and this is

just what they are doing.

THERE ARE some queer freaks of

journalism. A man down in Texas at

a place called La Grange started some

time ago a sheet which he called the

Sloven. It devoted itself to the general

abuse of American womanhood. The

people of La Grange grumbled some-

what, but did not assume active hostil-

ities until the Sloven began to abuse the

women of their own community. They

then held a meeting and forwarded to

the editor a piece of tar and a feather

with the information that the tar and

the feather were specimens of a large

invoice of articles which would be per-

sonally delivered to him inside of two

hours if he was then in the place. The

editor did not wait for the goods to be

delivered, but commenced hoisting it to

the next county. The type upon which

the Sloven had been printed was

destroyed and the hand press broken

into small pieces.

DR. T. K. TUTTILL, an examining

surgeon up in New York, has been re-

moved by Commissioner Black, and is

in a terrible stew about it. We do not

know that it is a matter of startling

public interest, neither do we know

that it is incumbent upon the officials of

the Government, whenever they see fit

to order a removal, to enter into a

lengthy explanation of it. The Repub-

lican employee who receives notice to

quit from a Democratic Administration

and cannot guess the reason why with-

out being told, deserves to be dismissed

on general principles. It is a waste of

the public time to enter into any dis-

cussion of the question.

MISS SARAH ALTHEA HILL should

be a little careful how she flourishes

her pistol round in the San Francisco

court-room. It is quite likely that some

of the old fellows who are taking so

much interest in her divorce suit, both

pro and con, deserve to be shot, but the

chances are that none of them would

get hit in case her weapon exploded.

Fortunes for busy folks smugling.

From lawn to acre in the happy land,

No duty on us but to be happy land.

Straw-hatted on the shining sand,

With in trouble-chested and hand,

Beneath the blue Italian sky.

There with the mountains idly gazing

Their purple shadows in the sea—

To watch the white-winged vessels passing,

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